

## MINUTES OF THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE

Wednesday, June 27, 2007

12:00 p.m.

Room 519, House Office Building

**Chair Meisner** called the Standing Committee on Commerce to order.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (18/19)

**MEMBERS ABSENT/EXCUSED:** Rep. Stakoe (1/19)

The **Chair** laid **Senate Bills 450 – 453** before the committee.

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| SB 450 | Basham | Occupations; residential builders; filing of complaints against contractor; require courts to report convictions, allow forfeiture and seizure of property for unlicensed contractors, and provide other amendments.                    |
| SB 451 | Basham | Occupations; residential builders; penalties for unlicensed builders; include forfeiture and require court notice to the department.  |
| SB 452 | Cassis | Occupations; individual licensing and regulation; residential builders; increase licensing fees, require department to keep record of complaints, require background checks on applicants, and increase penalty for unlicensed builder. |
| SB 453 | Cassis | Occupations; individual licensing and regulation; licensing fees; increase, and provide for certain allocations.  |

**Andrea Cascarilla**, from the Office of Senator Basham, explained the intent of **Senate Bills 450** and **451**.

**Kerry Krone**, from the Office of Senator Cassis, explained the intent of **Senate Bills 452** and **453**.

**Lee Schwartz**, representing the Michigan Association of Home Builders, testified in **support** of the bills and proposed amendments. He also answered questions.

**Jeannine Benedict** and **Amy Shell**, representing the Michigan Department of Labor and Economic Growth, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bill, indicating they did not wish to speak but were available for questions.

**Bret Totoraitis**, representing the Michigan Office of Attorney General, submitted a testimony card in **support** of the bills, but did not wish to speak.

**Representative Hildenbrand** offered the following amendment to **Senate Bill 450**:

1. Amend page 8, line 13, after “**PURPOSES.**” by inserting “**A LICENSEE GRANTED INACTIVE STATUS UNDER SECTION 2404B IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO SERVE AS A QUALIFYING OFFICER.**”.

**Representative Huizenga** moved to adopt the amendment to **Senate Bill 450**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (16/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Griffin** moved to report **Senate Bill 450**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (16/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Rick Jones** moved to report **Senate Bill 451** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (16/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Valentine** moved to report **Senate Bill 452** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Griffin, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (16/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Chair Meisner** offered the following amendment to **Senate Bill 453**:

1. Amend page 2, line 15, after “**DEPARTMENT.**” by inserting “**THE DEPARTMENT SHALL BE THE ADMINISTRATOR OF THE FUND FOR AUDIT PURPOSES.**”.

**Representative Robert Jones** moved to adopt the amendment to **Senate Bill 453**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (17/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Huizenga** offered the following amendment to **Senate Bill 453**:

1. Amend page 3, line 8, after “**GENERAL**” by inserting “**FOR THE REASONABLE COST OF SERVICES PROVIDED TO THE DEPARTMENT AND FOR EXPENSES INCURRED IN PROSECUTIONS FOR SUCH UNLICENSED PRACTICE**”.

**Representative Hildenbrand** moved to adopt the amendment to **Senate Bill 453**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (17/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Robert Jones** moved to report **Senate Bill 453**, with recommendation, as **Substitute (H-1)**.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (17/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

The **Chair** laid **Senate Bill 588** before the committee.

SB 588      Thomas                      Economic development; commercial redevelopment; corridor improvement authority; revise eligibility criteria.

**Dennis Denno**, from the Office of Senator Thomas, explained the intent of the bill.

**Chair Meisner** submitted an article from the **Detroit Free Press** in **support** of the bill.

**Tyrone Sanders**, representing Shoppes at Gateway, testified in **support** of the bill.

**James Adams**, representing Butzel Long, Attorney at Law, testified in **support** of the bill.

**James McBryde** and **John Czarnecki**, representing the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, testified in **support** of the bill.

**Ricardo Solomon**, representing Shoppes at Gateway, submitted a testimony card in **support**, indicating he was available to speak, if needed.

**Representative Johnson** moved to report **Senate Bill 588** with recommendation.

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL:**

**YEAS:** Reps. Meisner, Robert Jones, Accavitti, Byrum, Clemente, Coulouris, Dean, Griffin, Johnson, Sheltroun, Simpson, Valentine, Hildenbrand, Huizenga, Palsrok, Rick Jones, Knollenberg, Meltzer (18/19)

**NAYS:** None (0/19)

**PASS:** None (0/19)

A sufficient number of members voting in the affirmative, the **motion prevailed**.

**Representative Sheltroun** moved to excuse absent members. Hearing no objection, **Chair Meisner** excused **Representative Stakoe**.

There being no further business to come before the committee, the **Chair** declared the meeting adjourned, the time being **12:54 p.m.**

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**Representative Andy Meisner, Chair**

Jean Hamelin, Committee Clerk  
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